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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 8424

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, UN, AU

SUBJECT: CALL OF PLO REPS AT AUSTRIAN MFA

1. TWO-MAN PLO MISSION WHICH REPORTEDLY ON "GOODWILL TOUR" THROUGH EUROPE WAS IN VIENNA LAST WEEK SEEKING AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR PLO CAUSE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING HANDLING OF PALESTINIAN ITEM BEFORE 29TH UNGA.

2. MFA HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR STEINER TOLD POLCOUN OCT. 1 THAT CONTRARY TO VIENNESE PRESS REPORTS, HE DID NOT RECEIVE PLO REPS ON SEP. 27 BUT THAT THEY HAD "INFORMATIONAL MEETING" AT OFFICE DIRECTOR LEVEL WITH CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION WEIDINGER AND CHIEF OF MFA EASTERN EUROPE AND ARAB WORLD SECTION TARTER. PLO REPS MADE LOW-KEY PRESENTATION IN DEFENSE OF PLO CAUSE, MAIN THRUST OF WHICH WAS TO ASK AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR (1) RECOGNITION OF PLO AS EXCLUSIVE POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS, (2) INSCRIPTION OF PALESTINE ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA, AND (3) GRANTING PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT UNGA SO THAT IT COULD

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MAKE PRESENTATION TO 29TH UNGA ON PALESTINIAN INTERESTS.  
ONLY EMOTIONAL OUTBURST IN OTHERWISE RESTRAINED DISCUSSION

CONCERNED JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN WHO WAS VIOLENTLY  
DENOUNCED AS TRAITOR TO ARAB AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY,  
TO PALESTINIAN INTERESTS.

3. AT END OF DISCUSSION PLO REPS REPORTEDLY WERE INFORMED  
THAT GOA HAS NEVER SUPPORTED GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS  
TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT UNGA AND THAT THERE WERE NO  
PLANS TO CHANGE THIS POSITION. MFA DEMURRED ON PLO  
SUGGESTION FOR JOINT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON MEETING.  
INSTEAD, MFA MERELY INFORMED PRESS THAT MEETING WAS  
INFORMATIVE VISIT IN WHICH "NO PROMISES OF ANY KIND  
WERE MADE".

4. PLO REPS REFUSED TO DIVULGE TO MFA OFFICIALS WHERE  
THEY WERE STAYING IN VIENNA OR WHAT OTHER EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES THEY WERE PLANNING TO VISIT.

5. COMMENT: MFA AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE PLO CALLERS IN  
VIENNA PROBABLY FALLOUT OF MEETING EARLIER THIS YEAR IN  
CAIRO BETWEEN AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN (AND  
CHANCELLOR) KREISKY, AS HEAD OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL  
DELEGATION, AND PLO REPRESENTATIVES. MFA'S CAREFULLY  
CIRCUMSCRIBED HANDLING OF CALL, PROBABLY AT PROMPTING OF  
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, UNDERLINES DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
SENSITIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING ANY OFFICIAL DEALINGS  
WITH PLO.HUMES

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